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**RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2007, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention in Species I, comprising claims 2-6 without traverse in this application.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 2 of this paper.